

[English]

Nepali Citizens in India

1319. SHRI SYED SHAHABUD-DIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of citizens of Nepal, as distinct from Indian nationals of Nepali origin, residing in India, State-wise as on April 1, 1991;

(b) whether the Government are aware of the continuous flow of such persons from Nepal into Indian territory;

(c) if so, the steps being taken to stop the infiltration; and

(d) the steps taken to identify the Indian citizens and Nepalese citizens, lawfully residing in the border areas, and distinguish them from fresh immigrants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (d) Under the Indo-Nepali Treaty, free movement of Nepali citizens in any part of India, other than the protected/restricted areas is allowed. The Passport (Entry into India) Rules, 1950 do not apply if the Nepalese nationals enter India by land or by air from Nepal to India. Similarly, under the Registration of Foreigners (Exemption) Order, 1957 the Nepali nationals are exempted from registration. In view of this, no record is maintained about the movement or stay of Nepali citizens within the country.

Deterioration in Postal Services

1320. SHRI SYED SHAHABUD-DIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the deterioration in postal

services in small towns and villages of the country;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to improve the postal services in these areas;

(c) the number of post offices in the urban and rural areas separately and the average population served by each urban and rural post office, State-wise as on April 1, 1991; and

(d) the number of posts of E.D.-V.P.Ms and postman vacant, as on April, 1991 and the steps being taken to fill them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) There are a few complaints about delays in mails in small towns and villages of the country.

(b) The steps contemplated to improve the services are as follows:

- (i) Monitoring the delivery system in rural areas;
- (ii) Effect delivery of accountable mail twice in a day instead of once in urban areas;
- (iii) Improve funding of Post Offices in rural areas and increase the limit of cash entrusted to postman in villages for prompt payment of money orders;
- (iv) Improve date stamp impressions on articles of mail.
- (v) To motivate the postal employees, it is proposed to give the Best Postman Award on quarterly basis for each Postal Division in the country.

(c) Statement attached to this reply.

(d) Number of vacant post of Postmen and Extra Departmental Delivery Agents is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.

STATEMENT

National Postal Network as on 1-4-1991

<i>State/U.T.</i>	<i>No. of Post offices in Urban areas</i>	<i>Average popula- tion per P.O. 1981 Census</i>	<i>No. of Post offices in rural areas</i>	<i>Average popula- tion per P.O. 1981 census</i>
1. Andhra Pradesh	1404	8894	14848	2765
2. Assam	280	7311	3483	5124
3. Arunachal Pradesh	9	4603	245	2409
4. Bihar	582	14981	10694	5722
5. Goa	56	5764	182	3763
6. Gujarat	819	12944	7873	2982
7. Haryana	308	9179	2214	4559
8. Himachal Pradesh	101	3227	2475	1598
9. Jammu & Kashmir	195	6463	1359	3478
10. Karnataka	1323	8110	8342	3165
11. Kerala	686	6955	4205	4918
12. Madhya Pradesh	1071	9884	9802	4243
13. Maharashtra	1443	15241	10463	3898
14. Manipur	35	10727	570	1834
15. Meghalaya	30	8044	426	2569
16. Mizoram	39	3123	299	1243
17. Nagaland	19	6328	249	2629
18. Orissa	590	5271	7210	3226
19. Punjab	458	10147	3321	3655
20. Rajasthan	822	8771	9048	2989
21. Sikkim	13	3929	142	1868
22. Tamil Nadu	2035	7838	9942	3264
23. Tripura	47	4799	619	2952
24. Uttar Pradesh	2088	9530	17051	5334
25. West Bengal	1096	13181	7264	5525

UNION TERRITORIES

1. Delhi	423	13635	115	3932
2. Andaman & Nicobar Islands	12	4136	85	1636
3. Chandigarh	43	9833	6	4794
4. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	6914	32	3023
5. Daman & Diu	4	7255	14	3568
6. Lakshadweep	10	2162
7. Pondicherry	41	7708	58	4972

All India	16073	9937	132646	3961
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